

**In the claims:**

1-48. (canceled).

49. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1,
- (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1 lacking its associated signal sequence,
- (c) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11,
- (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11, or
- (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209432.

50. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 49.

51. (Previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 50.

52. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 51 which is a CHO cell, an *E. coli*, a yeast cell or a Baclovirus-infected insect cell.

53. (Previously presented) A process for producing a PRO301 polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 51 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.

54. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1,
- (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1 lacking its associated signal sequence,
- (c) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11,

- (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11, or
- (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209432.

55. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 54.

56. (Previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 55.

57. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 56 which is a CHO cell, an *E. coli*, a yeast cell or a Baculovirus-infected insect cell.

58. (Previously presented) A process for producing a PRO301 polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 56 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.

59. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes under stringent conditions of 50% formamide, 5 x SSC (0.75 M NaCl, 0.075 M sodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 5 x Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 mg/ml), 0.1% SDC, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C in 0.2 x SSC (sodium chloride/sodium citrate) and 50% formamide at 55°C, followed by a high-stringency wash consisting of 0.1 x SSC containing EDTA at 55°C, to:

- (a) a complement of a nucleic acid molecule encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1,
- (b) a complement of a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1 lacking its associated signal sequence,
- (c) a complement of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11,
- (d) a complement of the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11 or

(e) a complement of the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209432.

60. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 59.

61. (Previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 60.

62. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 63 which is a CHO, an *E. coli*, a yeast cell or a Baculovirus-infected insect cell.

63. (Previously presented) A process for producing a PRO301 polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 61 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.